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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS REACTION TO SENATE ACTION ON ARMS EMBARGO

1. TURKISH PRESS JULY 26 CARRIES FAIRLY STRAIGHT-FORWARD ACCOUNTS OF SENATE VOTE TO LIFT ARMS EMBARGO, THOUGH HEADLINES DESCRIBE ACTION AS "CONDITIONAL." MOST STORIES PROMINENTLY DESCRIBE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERIODIC REPORTS TO CONGRESS AND PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATION REGARDING CYPRUS TO ACCOMPANY ANY AID REQUESTS TO THREE COUNTRIES. MASS CIRCULATION HURRIYET'S SUB-HEADLINES POINT OUT THAT "ARMS MAY BE SOLD TO TURKEY ONLY IF PRESIDENT CARTER GIVES POSITIVE REPORT" AND "THE PRESIDENT MAY STOP THE AID IF THERE IS NO PROGRESS ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE." NONTHELESS, IMPRESSION OF THESE INITIAL REPORTS SEEMS BASICALLY POSITIVE. ACTION IS PORTRAYED AS ADMINISTRATION VICTORY AND DEFEAT FOR "GREEK LOBBY."

2. TURKISH RADIO, WHICH GENERALLY RECEIVES CAREFUL  
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POLITICAL GUIDANCE FROM HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOT, IS GIVING PROMINENT AND POSITIVE COVERAGE TO VOTE. IN REPORTING BYRD AMENDMENT PROVISIONS, TRT NOTES THAT THEY APPLY TO ALL THREE COUNTRIES IN THE REGION. LATER IN THE MORNING, TRT AIRED A SPECIAL "MAN IN THE STREET" REPORT TAPED IN A DOLMUS (SHARED TAXI). MOST OF THOSE INTERVIEWED EXPRESS PLEASURE AND SATISFACTION WITH ACTION,

THOUGH SEVERAL GRUMBLED THAT THEY DOUBTED IT WOULD  
MAKE SUCH DIFFERENCE OVER LONG TERM IN TURKEY'S RELATIONS  
WITH US.

3. SENATE ACTION CAME TOO LATE FOR EDITORIAL REACTION.  
HOWEVER, MILLIYET CARRIED A COLUMN WRITTEN BEFORE THE VOTE  
BY ABDI IPEKCI WHICH STATED GLOOMILY THAT IF THE EMBARGO  
WERE LIFTED WITH THE CONDITIONS "SOME SENATORS WERE ASKING,"  
IT MIGHT BE WORSE THAN NOT HAVING THE EMBARGO LIFTED AT ALL.  
IPEKCI COMPLAINS THAT THE SENATE HAS NOT GIVEN UP A DESIRE  
TO SEE TURKEY UNDER US DOMINATION.

4. COMMENT: TURKISH MEDIA SO FAR ARE CARRYING VERY HASTY  
REPORTS PREPARED BY TURKISH CORRESPONDENTS IN WASHINGTON.  
WIRE SERVICE STORIES NOW COMING IN PORTRAY SENATE VOTE AS  
SIGNIFICANT VICTORY FOR CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND DEFEAT  
FOR GREEK LOBBY. WE EXPECT THAT NEWS ACCOUNTS TOMORROW  
WILL TEND TO REFLECT THIS LINE, THOUGH WE CANNOT YET  
PREDICT CONSIDERED EDITORIAL REACTION. DILLON

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